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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

BENJAMIN PLESS, *et al.*

Application No.: 09/614,991

Filed: July 12, 2000

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD
FOR ABLATING TISSUE

Examiner: M. PEFFLEY

Art Unit: 3739

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 19, 2002, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-39 and 85-139 and add new claims 140-147 as follows:

31 *Sub D1*
140. (New) A method of ablating a cardiac tissue from an epicardial location, comprising the steps of:
providing an ablating device having a first ultrasound emitting element and a second ultrasound emitting element;
positioning the ablating device against an epicardial surface overlying a cardiac tissue structure to be ablated;
activating the first ultrasound emitting element at a first frequency to produce focused ultrasound having a focal length of 2-20 mm, the focused ultrasound ablating a cardiac structure; and